

Application No. 10/812,345

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-18 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1,5,14,10,20-21,19,6,15 and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,712,853. A terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is filed herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-18 based on obviousness-type double patenting.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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